A Big Pumpkin Vine Story.

belonging to the editor's mother, a pump-kin vine that is remarkable for the num-

ber and size of the pumpkins now grow-

ing on it. The vine is a very large one

and is growing on very poor land, on the

side of one of Georgia's famous old red hills, and if Hal had left the vine "alone" it

would have covered considerable ground

and would have borne many more pump-

kins, but after the vine had "climbed

on top of a fence and on up into a large

apple tree, he discovered that the numer-

ous young pumpkins were breaking the

tree down (the honest old negro's love was

greater for apples than pumpkins), so he

other half of that vine is there yet, and

there are some pretty good sized pump-

feet and eleven inches in circumference

vine. The largest pumpkin is not yet

Plea for Frogs and Sparrows

following proclamation to agriculturists.

in meter of six syllables: "Frogs are pro-

duced in the middle of your fields; al-

though they are little things they are

little human beings in form. They cher-

ish a life long attachment to their natal

soil, and at night they melodiously sing

in concert with clear voices. Moreover,

they protect your crops by eating locusts,

thus deserving the gratitude of the peo-

ple. Why go after dark with lanterns,

scheming to capture the harmless and

useful things? Although they may be

nice savoring for your rice, it is heartless

to slay them. Henceforward it is for-

bidden to buy or sell them, and those

who do so will be severely punished.

Sparrows, again, sing at their seasons

sweetly in the trees. They are not like

wolves, tigers or leopards, which may

take to injuring men when they grow

large. Why go out with nets trying to

catch them all from the hills and woods?

Know that for the strong to slay the

feeble for food is the way of wild beasts

and rapacious birds. Resist the lust of

your mouths and bellies for savory

warning the punishment for disobe-

dience will be mild."-New York Times

A Tower of Diamonds

This sounds like a dream. The reality.

however, is not quite so dazzling as

might be expected, and the model, which

is an exact reproduction of the original

monument, gains nothing in grace and

beauty of outline to make up for the loss

of grandeur and size. As it is, however,

it is a very curious piece of work. The

number of diamonds needed to construct

this model, which measures thirty-nine

shades of gold, the enameled flags at the

four corners, and the ruby and sapphire

set in the lantern, which is lighted by

electricity and revolves by clock work.

obtain admission for their jeweled tower

at the exhibition, but it was completed

arches and which are brilliants of con-

siderable beauty. The price put upon it is £120,000.—London Queen.

Smoking Cars.

tive by their stubbornness. The only

thing left for the smokers is to "get to-

gether" and smoke the women out. Ev-

ery man who has attended college knows

what "smoking out" means, and if the

can achieve their rights in spite of the

Chinese Incendiaries

fire in the Temple of Heaven at Pekin

It has been discovered that the recent

cranky females.—Chicago Herald.

President Holmes is running smoking

A Tower Eiffel entirely of diamonds!

The Taot'ai at Ningpo has issued the

kins on it.

A few days ago while the editor was

Diamonds Are Up.

prices show no sign of any falling off.

selves, and as a consequence many of

the Amsterdam cutters and polishers are

"The market's firmness may be judged

by an incident which occurred in Lon-

get some stones suitable for my trade,

one to three carats, and valued at £6,000

together.

even less than half."

York Sun.

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A COLORED ROMULUS.

Capture of a Child Reared by Thornton, colored, who lives on a place a Wolf.

IT WILL EAT ONLY BAW MEAT.

Collections a Specialty. Impossible for one to Touch it.-How it was Caught.

> Some twenty months ago a woman living on the banks of the Brazos missed her 3 months old baby from the pallet where she had left it lying during an absence of a few minutes. Search was made for the infant, but no trace of it could be discovered, and the whole affair was wrapped in profound mystery until a few days ago. A party of gentlemen were riding through a somewhat unfrequented portion of the thick woods that porder the river, when they were startled by seeing a strange object run across the road. Thinking at first sight that it was a wild animal, several of the party were about to fire on it, when the one who had been nearest to it called to them not to shoot, but to ride it down instead. This was done with difficulty, for the underbrush was thick, but at last the creature was overtaken in a dense copse. It was half running, half leaping, first on all fours and then nearly upright.

The gentlemen dismounted and attempted to lay hands upon it, but chat- the pumpkin growing states pronounces which is let out from two to three huntering frightfully and savagely biting it the largest he has ever seen. -Lithonia dred feet. and scratching, it broke away from them. They could see that it had a human face, though the brown body was covered with long, tangled hair, and the nails of the feet and hands so long and curved as to be claws. It ran with incredible swiftness, getting over fallen trees and dense masses of creepers at a rate that obliged its pursuers to exert themselves to the utmost to keep it in view. It finally ran into an immense oak tree that lay uprooted in the ground, and the hollow trunk of which formed a yawning cavern. By the dint of poking in the tree with sticks the party succeeded in driving out an old wolf, which immediately took to its heels. It was not pursued, as it was not the object sought. This, too, was finally dislodged and lassoed with a lariat made of hides. It bit and scratched so flercely that it was thought advisable not to approach it, as it was half dragged, half led home with the lariat bout its neck, howling and

yelping like a wolf.

The fact of the negro woman's child having disappeared was well known to all, and it was decided that this must be the child. The old wolf had evidently stolen it and for some reason adopted it as its own. The mother declared that this conjecture was correct, claiming that her child had had a malformation of one ear, which peculiarity was found in the monster. It is kept tied up in her cabin, suffering no one to lay hands refuses to touch any other food. The woman has hopes that she may yet reawaken the human in it, but in the meantime she is reaping a harvest from the crowds who come daily from all parts of the country to inspect the strange creature.—Sandy Point (Tex.)

Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch. An American Buddhist in Japan. Col. Olcott is said to have created a veritable furore in his recent Buddhistic tour through Japan. At first some of the Buddhist priests gave him the cold shoulder. Then he began to excite popular interest, which was intensified as he went through the larger provincial towns. At Nagoya, a large commercial town between Tokio and Kioto, he had audiences at each lecture of about 4,000 people, and it is said that the wildest applause everywhere greets his declarations that the closest relationship exists between the stable progress of the nation and the maintenance of true Buddhism. The Buddhists who control his tour, see ing the effect he is producing, are hurrying him about, so that he is delivering orations and lectures in three or four different places in the same day. He does not speak a word of Japanese, and his lectures are therefore delivered in English and translated on the platform by an interpreter, sentence by sentence, as he goes along. Yet he arouses great enthusiasm. Not only the common people hear him, but also the high officials. In many of the large towns through which he passed special meetings were held at times suitable to officials, at which they were alone present,-Home

An Ivy Plant's Tory Sympathies. One who passes by the Old South church these summer days will see a curious sight. The English ivy which has been slowly creeping over the front of the church through the last decade now holds in its grasp the old structure where Benjamin Franklin was baptized and "the tea party" was organized. Inch by inch its tendrils have felt their way along its walls, until now the growth has even dared to attempt to hide from view the big, broad slab that marks the "desecration" by the British. The little vine, planted by American hands and fed with American sunlight and rain, has basely tried to cover up the tablet that marks the rude acts of the English soldiery. It seems a case where the proper authoriseems a case where the proper authorities can interfere with much needed justice on the presumptuous, overreaching plant.—Boston Advertiser.

But why should I dwell beside the smokers unite in this movement they Bosphorus when I did not know the Bosphorus of my own country? What was Bagdad to me, when I had Bismarck (Dak.) to see? What was Jerusalem, when I had not visited Huron? What was the falls of Switzerland, when 1 must help to harness the falls of Spo-kane? So I made my salzam to the sul-tan. I wish you had seen my final bow was of incendiary origin. Several pertane? So I made my saltam to the sultan. I wish you had seen my final bow to him. I had not met all his family. He has 400 wives, but I found him a genial fellow, and very kind to Americans. So I came home, and here I am.—From a Recent Speech.

ZILLING IT IN A SCIENTIFIC MANNER.

The Only One of the Season. Her Fishing Outfit.

Few women include in their summer which is a sort of diamond trust, and three London firms, Jules Porges, Boselection of tackle Prominent among the few who do is Mrs. Brownell of Bath. Her rods and tackle are chosen cut about half of the vine off. But the with special care as to quality, and are not carried as an ornamental appurte-

Mrs. Brownell is an enthusiastic and Assisted by our "better half" we measured a few of the largest, and here are this season of killing the only salmon the measurements: One pumpkin, four trout ever taken in Keuka lake on a six ounce rod. Salmon trout ordinarily lie and two feet one inch in length; three in the deepest water, and the regulation pumpkins four feet and one inch in cir- tackle is a heavy hand line and troil, or cumference and eighteen inches in a stiff rod rigged with heavy line and a length, and five pumpkins three feet and gang of ten hooks, on which is impaled two inches in circumference and sixteen a small fish known as the saw belly inches in length. Besides these there are This bait is a fish with glittering scales quite a number of smaller ones on the and is attached to the hook dead

The rig is known as the Seth Gree ripe, and when it does take on its gang, Setb Green having introduced it golden hue it will be some larger, and it will be sent to the Piedmont exposition.

A gentleman who has traveled all over with a heavy lead attached to the line. trolled, like the spoon, in deep water with a heavy lead attached to the line.

Mrs. Brownell was fishing for black bass near Gibson's, using live bait. She had landed a number of bass, when she had a strike that surprised her. She had booked the fish, and instantly knew that it was not a bass she had fastened, for it they were four months ago, when the dashed furiously for the deep water to- market began to feel the manipulations salmon trout to be feeding in the water where she was fishing, she was convinced that this was a salmon trout that she had hooked, and she quickly gov-erned herself accordingly. Her husband was with her in the boat, and started from his seat to assist her, but she quietly told him that she wanted to get that fish, and consequently the best thing he

could do was not to get in her way. There are few anglers, no matter how experienced, who could have successfully handled, with such light tackle, the tugging, struggling, dashing fish that was doing its best to tow Mrs. Brownell and her boat out into the lake, but she manipulated the fish with such skill that with all his strength and cunning he failed to catch her off her guard, so that he could snap the delicate line and leader to which the elastic rod and its masterly handling alone gave suffi-cient strength to hold him. The fish meats, and thus act in unison with heaven, which loves to preserve life. fought for half an hour, and then gave Both these sorts of creatures you are forup. Mrs. Brownell reeled him to the bidden to catch from henceforth. Do boat, and lifted him over the side with not flatter yourselves that after this her own hands.

the salmon trout, and when laid out in the boat stretched from one side of it to the other. The trout weighed nearly eight pounds, and would have been a prize that the sturdiest angler with the regular unbreakable salmon trout tackle would have made his boast for days. Mrs. Brownell took the honors of her catch modestly, and finished the day by killing a number of thumping black bass.—Hammondsport Cor. New York

A Millionaire's Floating Palace. inches in height, is 40,000, and they are set in rows on the silver girders. The only bits of color about it are the lower platforms, both in silver gilt in two Messrs. Martin, Parno & Cie hoped to too late, so it is shown to the public in the Rue de Seze galleries instead. The best time to see it is the evening, when a clever arrangement of electric burners lights up the jewels and causes them to sparkle and shine infinitely more than in the day time, especially the semi-cir-cular rows which border the four great

cars on the State street cable line. That is, he started to run them, but the women seem to be running them now. At the hours when the men are supposed to be A Feline St. Bartholomew. going to and from the business center, President Holmes tacked extra cars onto the trains, at certain intervals, and labeled them "smoking cars." The label was on the outside of the car, and was plainly written, but the women did not see it, apparently. When they started to board the car the conductor would inform them that it was a "smoker," but they would pay no attention to him. When they took seats inside and saw men smoking they would call the con-ductor and complain. His explanation that it was a smoking car seemed to have no weight with them, and they threatened to report him. They glared at the smokers until the latter were shamed women have made the new rule inopera-

New Way of Propelling a Boat.

Two bovine freaks have appeared in this vicinity recently. S. Landman has a calf without tall or eyes, and Robert Jones has another that has the skin of an elephant and no hair on its body.—Waynetown (Md.) Car.

SHE CAN FISH.

How a Woman Caught a Big Salmon Trout.

nance, but for real practical use. running with reduced forces, while some of the smaller shops have closed up al-

A strange looking craft appeared off the ocean front a day or two ago, being pulled along at a slow pace by a tugboat. The fog was so dense that not even the many seafaring people around could make out what it was. Some suggested that it might be Noah's ark, sent here by the Almighty in anticipation of a flood; others said it was the floating palace from Coney Island, and others even made the foolish remark that it was one of the houses carried away during the Johnstown flood. It finally reached the bar buoy on Thursday night, and yesterday morning was brought into the inlet on the flood tide, when its true character was disclosed to the curious throng in waiting. It is a magnificently appointed boat house, on the lower floor of which is snugly resting a very handsome steam launch, which can be run out at pleasure. The name of this floating palace is the Falcon, and it is owned by Mr. Alexander MacGaw, a prominent and wealthy bridge builder of Philadelphia.—Atlantic City Cor. Philadelphia

A terrible carnage of cats has been organized at Corbeli, not far from Paris. Two persons living in the town were bitten by a local "tabby," which was declared rabid by a veterinary surgeon, whereupon the destruction of the town pussies en masse was decreed by the inhabitants. It is to be hoped, however, that the good people who have organ-ized the massacre will be brought to their senses before they pave the way for a plague of rate and mice, a contingency to which their present wild and extraordinary conduct would seem to point. In the meantime the victims of the "rabid cat" have started for M. Pasteur's laboratory in Paris.-Paris Cor. London Tele-

Samuel L. Farmer, of Henderson, Jefferson county, N. Y., has invented a boat which, he claims, can be rowed faster than any now in use. Only one oar is used, which is thrust through the middle of the boat, somewhat after the fashion of a centerboard. The boat is propelled by working the oar backward and forward. The leverage obtained is enormous, and the inventor says that a small boy in his boat can beat a profes-sional carsman in a shell.—Exchange.

Baer's Photographs Diamond dealers in Maiden lane and John street are watching every movement of the market with sharp eyes. Their wares have been advancing stead-

ily in value for four months past, and

"On the contrary," said a well known Maiden lane importer, who has just re-turned from Europe, "I found the Lon-don market very stiff and uppish in tone. As is generally known, the output of the African diamond mines is controlled by what is known as the Amalgamation,

nato Brothers and Julius Kohn, handle the greater portion of the uncut diamonds that come to that market. They have restricted the output to suit them-

DONABLE BUILDING.

office of a large diamond firm, trying to when an outsider, that is, a man not inFinest Brands of the trade, came in and purchased a parcel of medium stones, weighing from

or £7,000, for which he paid cash down. He had the stones wrapped up, and put them back in the firm's safe to await a rise in the market. I also know of many American dealers who went over this

spring to buy from \$50,000 to \$100,000 J. J. DONAHUE. worth of stock who have returned with

Diamonds are, as a matter of fact, from 20 to 25 per cent, higher today than ward the middle of the lake. Although of this damond trust. The trust is evilt was an almost unheard of thing for dently a success, and if diamonds keep on going up engaged couples may have

> Queer Things on Mount Lyell. Thomas Albright, the well known Prescott prospector, informs The Index CLUB ROOM Livery, Feed and Sale.

that "grand sights have been seen around Mount Lyell during the past two weeks. All through the present season it has been noticed that the glacial streams flowing from beneath the great ice field-which have been trickling in measured volumes for thousands of years -have increased so as to become respectable creeks in many instances. This could not be accounted for, as the heat of the sun is probably no more intense than it has been many times before.

Possibly the phenomenon may be explained by recent occurrences. Within the past month singular lights and glows have been noticed along the upper edge of the ice, the towering bare cones gleatn-ing phosporescently amid the gloom of

Each morning following a display of under the ice in intermittent streams, as if ejected by some force acting beneath. At times the whiffs are sharp and sudden from a dozen or more places at the same time, accompanied by a red dust it in blotches of many acres. It is believed, as Mr. Albright says,

that the mountain is "alive and work ing," and that the pent up forces within are struggling to make a vent. The glacier is about two miles in length and a mile in width. Its depth in places, judging from the profile of the mountain, which is 13,000 feet in height, must be enormous. Perhaps old Pluto has re- D. M. RIORDAN, Manager, sumed operations in his laboratory and is endeavoring to throw out the great mass of ice which plugs his chimney Lyell has been dead to all appearances for countless ages-ever since the time, FLAGBTAFF. in the forgotten past, when, by some cataclysm, the whole continent was covered by an ice cap several thousand feet in thickness. Maybe the old hill is trying to reassert itself and demonstrate to the world that it still has latent life .-Homer Index.

Health in Tenements.

It has always been accepted that in cities the death rate in tenement houses is greater than the general death rate. This belief has recently been controverted, as far as New York city is concerned, by a careful analysis of the returns made to the health department. It was found that last year the general death rate per 1,000 inhabitants was 26.33, while she death rate among tenement dwellers was 23.71. Beyond this it was found that the death rate in large tenement houses is less than in the smaller ones. The chief reason for this difference of mortality to the advantage of tenement houses is attributed to the exercise of the plenary power of the poard of health in regard to them in PLAGSTAFF. - - both construction and appointments during recent years, while the construc tion and appointments of the hitherto supposed to be the most healthful class of houses have been left to the intelligence of the architects and tenants, excepting a general compliance only with the plumbing laws.—Boston Herald.

Discouraging the Whittling Habit. In New Haven they are determined to discourage the practice of whittling public buildings. A prisoner in the lockup climbed up a ventilator shaft and cut Having opened the above Houss I will Spare No Pains to make it away a number of slats, only to be nabbed by the vigilant watchman. Brought before the magistrate he was fined \$20 and costs for damaging the building, in addition to receiving the

Seventy-three years ago Mrs. Sally B. Weeks Bucknam, then a blushing bride, went to housekeeping in a snug farmhouse on the west slope of Mount Prosshe celebrated her one hundredth birthday, and was strong enough to receive not only her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, but also a large number of her friends and acquaintances.

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